

History Alive: Pages 19 – 22.

Directions: Before reading, preview each of the statements and place a check mark if you agree or think the statement is true. During the reading, add new check marks or cross through those which you have changed your mind. Use the space under each statement to record the page and paragraph(s) where you have found information to support your thinking!

# STUDY GUIDE

1. ☒ The Middle Ages refers to a time period that takes place in Europe after the Roman Empire collapsed.  
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2. ☒ You would most likely not lock your door and leave your sword & armor at home when traveling around in the Medieval period because it was pretty safe. 19.3 MANY BARBARIC INVASIONS & BATTLES FOR LAND MADE TRAVEL UNSAFE
3. ☒ If you lived in the Middle Ages, you most likely would have heard your neighbors mention the word feudalism.  
Feudalism Key term used today by historians
4. ☒ Kingdoms were arranged in the shape of a pyramid with the person having the most amount of power at the top and the people with the least amount of power at the bottom. 19 - PICTURE
5. ☒ Most friendships or relationships were formed by promising loyalty to the person above you and in return you were given things like land, protection, and even a decent meal. 19.4
- ☒ If you lived anywhere in Europe during the Middle Ages, you most likely belonged to the Roman Catholic Church and practiced Christianity. 20.4
7. ☒ The NFL team the Minnesota Vikings are probably named after the fierce warriors who struck fear into people living in Western Europe in the Middle Ages. 21.4
8. ☒ Although a king ruled his land, you'd be jumping with joy if he referred to you as his lord or vassal.
9. ☒ 22.2 WERE NOBLE LANDOWNERS  
A knight and a United States Marine have very different job descriptions.
10. ☒ BOTH PROTECT & HIGHLY TRAINED  
If you were a peasant, you probably never washed your hands because they were always clean.
11. ☒ 22.4 WORKED LONG HOURS FARMING  
Manors and Manners have similar meanings.
12. ☒ MANORS - LARGE PLOTS OF LAND MANAGED BY LORDS  
If your parents were serfs and you worked extremely hard and got all A's you could become a Lord.  
You Remained in the social class you were born into.

2. Western Europe during the Middle Ages  
 What were Charlemagne's greatest accomplishments? How was he helped by the Catholic Church?

Why was there a need for order after the death of Charlemagne in 814?

## Monarchs

### 2.4 Monarchs during Feudal Times

What responsibilities did monarchs have in the feudal system?

Ruled large areas of land with absolute power. In order to better protect their lands from invasions, granted parts of their kingdom to lesser nobles.



### 2.5 Lords and Ladies during Feudal Times

What responsibilities did lords have in the feudal system?

Nobles who were granted land in return for their loyalty & service. Managed land called Manors.



### 2.6 Knights during Feudal Times

What responsibilities did knights have in the feudal system?

Soldiers whose responsibilities included military service and protecting the land of the nobles.



### 2.7 Peasants during Feudal Times

What responsibilities did peasants have in the feudal system?

Lived in small communities and worked long hours farming and tending to others' needs.







Least amount of Power



## PROCESSING

Think about which individuals or groups in our society are most similar to the various social classes in European feudal society. List these modern groups or individuals next to each level of feudal society, and draw symbols to represent them. Then list some of their similarities and differences.

Social Classes in Feudal Europe	Individuals or Groups in Our Society	Similarities and Differences Between These Two Groups
 Monarch	President	Similarities: Head of government Differences: King inherits his land but a president is elected.
 Lords	Mayor	Similarities: Both are in charge of a small amount of land. Differences: King grants land to lord but a mayor is elected.
 Knights	Army	Similarities: Protect Differences: Knights are loyal to their lord. Soldiers honor their country.
 Peasants	farmers	Similarities: Both work in fields and produce crops. Differences: farmers have more rights than peasants.

**Which answer fits for social? economic? political?**

**Economic**

The Manorial System is the economic system that developed in the Middle Ages. Peasants worked on a Lord's land to produce crops. Peasants received the least of what was produced and groups at the top received the most.

**Political**

The system of government was called Feudalism. Although there was a king, the lords and vassals managed small amounts of land that was granted to them.

**Social Structure**

Every part of the pyramid had its own roles and responsibilities and depended on those above and below them for various services such as protection, food, and leadership.  
(Feudalism)



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